

Tuesday, March 5, 1996

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate agreed to Cuban Liberty Act Conference Report.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1479–S1536*

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1585–1590, and S.J. Res. 50.

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**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 782, to amend title 18 of the United States Code to allow members of employee associations to represent their views before the United States Government, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Res. 219, designating March 25, 1996 as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy".

S. Res. 227, to authorize the use of additional funds for salaries and expenses of the Special Committee to Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters.

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**D.C. Appropriations—Conference Report:** Senate resumed consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2546, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 23), three fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on the conference report.

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**Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act—Conference Report:** By 74 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 22), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 927, to seek international sanctions against the Castro Government in Cuba, and to plan for support

of a transition government leading to a democratically elected government in Cuba.

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**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Received on Friday, March 1, 1996, during the recess of the Senate:

Transmitting the report concerning the national emergency with respect to Cuba; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–125).

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Received today:

Transmitting the Sixth Biennial Report of the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee; referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM–126).

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Transmitting the report concerning one revised deferral and two proposed rescissions of budgetary resources; pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, referred jointly to the Committee on Appropriations, Committee on the Budget, Committee on Foreign Relations, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, and the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM–127).

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

26 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Navy, and Coast Guard.

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 Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—23) Page S1511

Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and recessed at 3:31 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 6, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1532.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### LABOR/HHS/EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings on resolving the funding impasse for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and to examine how these agencies would function without a budget agreement, after receiving testimony from Robert B. Reich, Secretary of Labor; Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Resources; and Richard W. Riley, Secretary of Education.

### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, receiving testimony from William J. Perry, Secretary of Defense; Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and John J. Hamre, Comptroller, Department of Defense.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Thomas Paul Grumbly, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary, and Alvin L. Alm, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, both of the Department of Energy, and Charles William Burton, of Texas, and Christopher M. Coburn, of Ohio, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Enrichment Corporation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Coburn was introduced by Senators Glenn and DeWine.

### CORPORATE SUBSIDY REFORM

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee held hearings on S. 1376, to terminate unnecessary and inequitable Federal corporate subsidies, receiving testimony from Senators McCain and Thompson; and Stephen Moore, CATO Institute, Robert J. Shapiro, Progressive Policy Institute, Martha Phillips, Concord Coalition Citizens Council, and Ann McBride, Common Cause, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### PHARMACEUTICAL PATENT PROTECTION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings on the effects of the Drug Price Competition and Patent Term Restoration Act of 1984 on generic competition and drug innovation, after receiving testimony from Representative Waxman; John Klein, on behalf of the Generic Pharmaceutical Industry Association and the National Association of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers, Gerald J. Mossinghoff, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, Daniel Perry, Alliance for Aging Research, and Dixie D. Horning, Gray Panthers, all of Washington, D.C.; Bruce L. Downey, Barr Laboratories, Inc., Pamona, New York; David Beier, Genentech, San Francisco, California, on behalf of the Biotechnology Industry Organization; and Henry G. Grabowski, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1423, to make modifications to certain provisions of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, with amendments; and

The nominations of Patricia Wentworth McNeil, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Vocational and Adult Education, Pascal D. Forgione, of Delaware, to be Commissioner of Education Statistics, Department of Labor, Mary Burrus Babson, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service, David Finn, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, Donna Dearman Smith, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation, LaVeeda Morgan Battle, of Alabama, John N. Erlennborn, of Illinois, and Edna Fairbanks-Williams, of Vermont, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation, Marca Bristo, of Illinois, and Kate Pew Wolters, of Michigan, each to be a Member of the National Council